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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PHARMACOSMETICS (57) Abstract The invention relates to a method of producing pharmacosmetics comprising snake-venom. The method of the invention comprises processing the - preferably lyophilized - toxin <i>Crotali atrocis</i> as active substance, in a quantity of 0,0002 - 0,1 % as compared to the total amount of the composition, into ointment, aqueous suspension, emulsive composition, gel-formed composition and the like with usual additives and/or auxiliaries.		

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PHARMACOSMETICS

Technical Field

The object of the invention is a process for producing pharmacosmetics comprising snake-venom.

5 Background Art

It is well known that the Soviet pharmaceutical industry produces and markets an ointment under the trade name Viprosal, the active ingredient of which is viper venom.

10 For veterinary purposes the venom of a snake belonging to Bungarus genus, of cobra (Naja genus) and of Crotalus terrificus - differing from the species Crotalus atrox - has been used. These solutions are disclosed in patent specifications GB 1 446 284, US 4 027 012, 4 126 676 and 4 292 308.

Disclosure of the Invention

15 It has been found that the venom of Crotalus atrox is a complex active substance which has analgetic, hyperaemizing and spasmolytic activity at the same time and may be used for both therapeutic and veterinary purposes. The compositions known from the literature do not dispose of such a
20 complex and multiple activity.

The composition produced by the process of the invention comprises thus the - preferably lyophilized - venom of Crotalus atrox as active substance, in a quantity of 0,0002 to 0,1 % as compared to the total amount of the composition,
25 processed into ointment, aqueous suspension, emulsive composition, gel-formed composition, etc., with usual additives and/or auxiliaries.

The toxin Crotali atrocis is a light yellow, odourless powder; identity: dissolved in 1 mg of water and dropped on
30 filter-paper with ninhydrin it discolours at a slight heat effect.

Determination of contents: nitrogen content 11,5 % at least according to Ph.Hg.VII (Hungarian Pharmacopoeia).

35 The composition is for external used in case of rheumatism, arthritis, arthrosis, ischias, lumbago, muscular aches

occurring after sport achievements, and the like.

The production of the composition comprises - if processed for example as ointment - mixing methylsalicylate and camphoric acid at room temperature. The lyophilized toxin

5 Crotali atrocis is dissolved in distilled water, then mixed with methylsalicylate in a homogenizer of high speed of revolutions. The aqueous toxin solution is added dropwise, the substance is then homogenized for 4 hours at least. The suspension is added to a mass of ointment Unguenta composita

10 (a mixture of equal proportion of polyoxetene 400 and polyoxetene 1540) and is homogenized for 6 to 8 hours at room temperature. The obtained composition may be stored in dry, cool place for 5 years without decomposition.

Best Mode of Carrying out the Invention

15 The composition produced by the process of the invention is illustrated by the following non-limiting examples.

Example 1 (ointment)

The following components are mixed according to the technology described above:

20 Toxin Crotali atrocis sicc.	0,001 g
methylsalicylate	6,0 g
camphoric acid	3,0 g
Unguenta composita ad	100,0 g

Example 2 (ointment)

25 In case of tubes of 50 g 10 µg of toxin at the least, 1000 µg of toxin at the most, but preferably 50 µg of toxin are used.

The components are mixed according to the technology referred

30 to above.

In addition to the active substance, the ointment contains 5 to 20 % by mass of water and detergent may also be used.

In this case the manufacturing technology is modified,

35 i.e. the camphoric acid and methylsalicylate are mixed with

0,1-2,0 % of detergent, e.g. with Tween 20 or Na-laurylsulfate.

As additive, conserving agents, such as Sol. conservans may be added to the ointment, in a quantity of 0,1-0,5 % by mass.

Example 3

Instead of ointment, aqueous suspension is produced. In the formula of Example 1, Unguenta composita is replaced by ethyl alcohol in a concentration of 30-80 % by mass.

Example 4

Emulsive composition is prepared by using sunflower oil instead of Unguenta composita and shaking up before use is stipulated in the instructions for use, or sunflower oil is used only in Unguenta composita instead of polyoxetene 1540.

Example 5

Gel-formed composition is obtained if instead of polyoxetene 1540 3 % by mass of aqueous solution of hydroxymethylcellulose is used.

During the application for example a stick of 3-4 cm of ointment is expressed on the skin surface and massaged by fine medico-massage on the aching spot (joint) for 5-10 minutes morning and evening, for six days.

At one week intervals the treatment is repeated 3-4 times.

The ointment cannot be used on skinless surfaces.

C L A I M :

Process for producing pharmacosmetics comprising snake-venom, characterized in that the

5 - preferably lyophilized - toxin *Crotali atrocis* is processed as active substance, in a quantity of 0,0002 - 0,1 % as compared to the total amount of the composition, into ointment, aqueous suspension, emulsive composition, gel-

10 -formed composition and the like with usual additives and/or auxiliaries.

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